Iowa Legal Aid Farmworker Project

Iowa Legal Aid is hiring paid interns for our Farmworker Project. The position is part-time during the fall and spring semesters with possible full-time hours during the summer.

The Farmworker Project provides education and legal assistance to hired farmworkers who work in a variety of agricultural jobs. Farmworkers face many legal problems related to their status as agricultural workers. They include issues related to employment, wages, health and safety, housing, education, harassment, public benefits, immigration and language access. Iowa Legal Aid identifies these issues and strives to resolve them either informally or through the court system.

The person hired for this position will perform outreach to educate farmworkers about their rights and to interview potential clients. The person hired for this position may also have the opportunity to work with staff attorneys to provide legal assistance on casework, including interviewing clients and witnesses, drafting demand letters, drafting discovery requests and preparing for trial.

The ability to speak Spanish is strongly desired for this position. Status as a law student is also desired, but not required. To apply, please submit a letter of application and resume to Scott Hartsook, Iowa Legal Aid, 1111 Ninth Street, Ste. 230, Des Moines, IA 50314. Application materials can also be submitted electronically to Scott at shartsook@iowalaw.org.